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BETRAYED!!!!



Mirror Lake: Students Waste Their Time

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THE DAGLITTALE

As many of you know, on January 21-22, the Students' Union held constitution reform talks known as Mirror Lake. These talks were designed for students at large, from all aspects of the university community, together to discuss your constitution and make amendments to it. The turnout for these talks was excellent, with students from RHC, OCC, Rez Life, Student Council, Clubs, Campus Ministry and students at large.

Many recommendations came from this weekend. These recommendations included increased activities, RHC and OCC representation on council, separate monies to be allocated for clubs and councils, the possible

combining of RHC and OCC, and the reorganization of council positions to move away from the

best for students... they did not want administration to have increased power in students

knew what they wanted and had a plan on how to get it. This new plan did not include administration

Students' Union provides in speaking out against the evils deeds of the Administration.



year based model.

The students at the accord were very clear in what they felt would

destiny. There was consensus on the wishes of RHC/OCC to have a voice in council decisions. By the end of the weekend the students

controlling activities such as cabarets and guest speakers, O-Team, clubs, government lobbying, and the voice the

administration. Please read, think, listen and make sure you get out, ask questions and vote.

WHY?

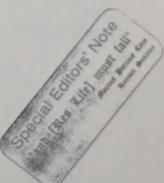
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The Skin of Our Teeth

Students' Council: Angry and Divided

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Student Protest:
Alive and Well



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UNDER
THE POWERS
THAT BE.**

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A Breach Of Faith

The Editors
THE DAGLITALE

Your faithful scribes have always been unapologetic supporters of an autonomous Students' Union because we believe that we the Students have a right to a say on issues like tuition increases or curriculum changes. As such, we have overlooked some of the transgressions of our Students' Council in the hopes of not adversely affecting the deliberations of the Autonomy

Committee. However, the recent actions of our Students' Council (apparently endorsed by the administration) are so heinous we can no longer remain silent. We wish to state categorically that we remain committed to the principle of an autonomous Students' Union accountable only to students and will continue to demand its immediate implementation.

The actions of a majority of your Students' Council (led by the President and VP External) have put in jeopardy our collective

rights. There blatant disregard for our constitution and by-laws have placed all of us in peril. These document are the rulers by which we the students are protected from unscrupulous Councils who might otherwise do whatever they want. We are reminded of a former VP Finance who stole \$30 000 from the Students' Union just three years ago (before the constitution and by-laws were implemented).

The constitution and by-laws are not petty inconveniences to be set aside whenever it seems

appropriate. They exist to ensure all student receive fair and equitable representation. Surely we have not forgotten how Hitler suspended Germany's constitution in 1933? Granted, it is an drastic example but the principle is the same. With the constitution thrown away we could now have "little Hitlers" here at Augustana, who not only steal money, but do whatever they want. Today it's just a "minor" transgression, but what a slippery slope.

Further, as a clause of Article VI

of our constitution states the President is sworn "to uphold and enforce this constitution." If Michael Bratvold is not willing to fulfil this Article how can we trust him to fulfil any of his other responsibilities? If the Students' Council is not willing (able) to defend our collective rights as promised under the constitution, why did we even elect them?

Disturbing questions? Disturbing times.

Mark Heinen
THE DAGLITALE

So, after sent his disciples out to "go out and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19a), did he then create another group to provide lines of accountability and facilitate positive baptizing relationships between the disciples, the converted, and the heathens (soon-to-be-converted)? This group or Senate (for lack of an intelligent word) would then have members from the heathens and Jews (or would that be redundant?) This Senate could question the methods that the disciples used to convert, and withdraw baptisms if the tactics were inconsistent with the educational objectives of the middeast.

Instead of that he could have created a "council of the converted" to co-ordinate mass baptisms, potluck dinners, and other activities for

the fledgling Christians. This Council could have two large nosed men (one bearded, one not), two former rabbis and two singers (one bearded, one not).

While I am not a church historian, it seems that there have been a number of committees and panels, tribunals and crusades that have begun in the church, moving power away from God and to people. They lost sight of the original commission and began pursuing ulterior, personal motives. As time passed, even the lower ranked members of the hierarchy began to follow the wishes of those above them simply because they did not know any better.

Well, I don't like thinking about that, so instead I'll think about nice Christian college, with it's clearly defined purposes, missions, committees, councils and power trips and manipulations of elected officials and I'm still no better off.



A Contempt For Honesty

Sandeep Dhir
THE DAGLITALE

Well here we go again. President Johnson is well on his way to achieving his goal of an American style student services model "Students' Council." Can an increase of so-called "desirable" (nodoubt Lutheran) Students be far behind? What about that "Mennonite encroachment" in faculty? Can their elimination from the ranks of our faculty be any further behind? Well if this administration shows the same commitment it did in making a joke out of the appointment of our new Sexual Harassment Officers,

the entire Augustana community should be shaking with fear, rage, etc. Cope wrong editorial....

As silly as this October you trusty scribes heard from reliable sources that President Johnson supported that President Johnson supported that President Johnson supported that our Students' Council. In fact our dear President was extolling the virtues of this model on a trip to Victoria last semester as well stating that the Canadian Federation of Students was the worst thing that ever happened to Augustana. I can only assume that our President does not like a democratic organization which represents over 450 000 students

across the country for that very reason - it is democratic and it represents the views of students. (What a concept!) Pity he does not have the courage to actually say these here, openly. This is especially ironic when one considers that our Administration holds membership on a National organization of its own - the Association of Universities and Colleges Canada (AUCC).

Now under the auspices of the Autonomy committee (you do remember this committee don't you) our President has imposed through his willing collaborators on all students his vision of a Students' Union. This American

model ensures that students are suitably docile and neutered. Yup, you get no say in any of the decisions that would affect you (i.e. tuition increases, curriculum changes etc.) Funny for an Administration which tries to gain the respect of Universities like the University of Alberta (to the point where the President accepts an Honorary degree) it will not incorporate the University of Alberta's Students' Union model. The same model which is utilized at every other public (or semi-public) for that matter university of college on the country.

Perhaps, most galling is that our

so-called "open" community our President is not willing to enter the fray and defend his vision in public in front of all students. I can think of a few people who would relish the opportunity for a frank and honest debate open to the entire community. Nope, our President is content to hide behind veiled threats and half truths to achieve his agenda. This must stop. So how about it President Johnson, let's take our respective cases to the Augustana community. An open debate in the Chapel, at a time of mutual convenience, with the entire community invited. Surely if the cause is just, victory will follow. What do you say?

The proposal for establishing a Students' Senate is born from the so-called Autonomy Committee. The Committee is composed of the Vice-President External (Stacey Denham) of the Students' Union, the President (Michael Bratvold) of the Students' Union, the Vice President of Student Services (Erhard Pinno), the Academic Dean (Chet Olson), and the Vice President of Finances (Ray Smith). Ex officio to the Committee is Kim Fordham and Lyle McKenzie.

The intended purpose and role of the Students' Senate seems to be somewhat confused from the proposal. From an initial reading it appears that the Senate would take over the functions currently awarded to the Student Review Board of the Students' Union. The Review Board is charged with hearing all grievances in relation to the conduct, Constitution, and By-Laws of the Students' Union.

Most concerning about the proposal is the ability of the Senate to send motions/actions back to Council and then take up further concerns directly with the Board of Regents. As no rationale is included with the proposal it is difficult to ascertain what benefits would be gained from the creation of this body.

Finally, the responsibilities assigned to the Senate seem to duplicate the expected role of the Students' Council and the members of the Students' Union. Under the proposal every motion/action of Council is no longer subject to the review and scrutiny of the student body, but to the scrutiny and review of a Senate upon which 3 of 8 members are not students.

One must question if the Students' Senate really accomplishes its intended goal of increased accountability. From the proposed model it appears that accountability to the student body and the Board of Regents will be replaced with accountability of sorts with the Senate and Board of Regents. Such a proposal is tantamount to authorizing a student vote on the Faculty Association Board. Not only is this impractical but it fails to achieve the original purpose of increased accountability.

WHO WILL

Students' Senate

PURPOSE: to provide lines of accountability and thereby to support and facilitate positive working relationships between Augustana Students' Union, Augustana Students' Council, and the University.

MEMBERSHIP:

- * 1 Resident Student (appointed/elected by Residence Hall Council)
- * 1 Off Campus Student (appointed/elected by Off Campus Council)
- * 1 Campus Ministry Representative
- * 1 Student Activities Representative (see next page)
- * 1 Staff Representative
- * 1 Director's Representative
- * 1 Teaching Faculty Representative

The Chairperson to be jointly appointed by the Students' Union President and the Augustana University President.

TERM OF OFFICE: two year terms

QUORUM: 5 members present

AUTHORITY:

- (1) Can question any action taken by an employee against the Augustana Students' Union (ASU), or the Augustana Students' Council (ASC). Can not over-rule any Administrative decisions.
- (2) Can refer back any motion action of the ASU or ASC in the event due process is violated or the mission and goals of Augustana are not upheld.
- (3) If Council persists in its actions the Senate may bring the matter to the Board of Regents through the President of Augustana along with Senate recommendations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (1) Review all actions/motions of the ASU or ASC.
- (2) Intercede on behalf of disputing parties, between the ASU, the ASC, its members and/or staff to act as arbitrator or appoint an arbitrator or appoint an arbitration board.
- (3) Ensure that staff/student orientations take place in regards to Augustana policies and procedures.
- (4) Ensure communication between Councils during transition periods.
- (5) Provide written explanation of decisions where appropriate.
- (6) Review actions of employees in relation to the ASU or ASC.

DECIDE?

Student Activities Council

PURPOSE: to plan and implement a well-balanced program of student activities which will complement and enhance the overall educational experience of students.

MEMBERSHIP:

- *2 Fine Arts Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed/elected by the Fine Arts Students Association
- *2 Physical Education Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed by the Chairperson of the Physical Education Division
- *2 Residence Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed elected by RHIC
- *2 Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed elected by Campus Ministry
- *2 Off Campus Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed elected by OCC
- *2 Students (1 male, 1 female) appointed elected by ASC

TERM: 1 year

QUORUM: 7 members

AUTHORITY: to serve as the budget authority for the Student Activities budget. This implies the review and approval/disapproval of all activities financed in whole or in part through this budget.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (1) To assist the Director of Student Activities.
- (2) To assist groups in planning/promotion of activities.
- (3) To review funding applications.
- (4) To recommend activities' policy.
- (5) To submit annual funding requests through the Vice President Student Services to the Board of Regents.
- (6) To provide an annual report to the Vice President Student Services.

SPECIAL NOTE: THE AUGUSTANA STUDENTS' COUNCIL HAS DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OR VOTE ON THESE PROPOSALS. CURRENTLY A PETITION IS CIRCULATING DEMANDING THAT THE STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT, MICHAEL BRATVOLD, PLACE THESE ITEMS ON THE GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

UNDER THE CURRENT PROVISIONS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1994, COUNCIL WILL RECOMMEND THESE PROPOSALS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ADOPTION MARCH 5 & 6, 1994. TO DATE, NO STUDENT INPUT OR DEBATE HAS BEEN FACILITATED CONCERNING THESE PROPOSALS.

Under the Constitutional and By-Law amendments proposed by the Students' Council, the current Student Activities Committee chaired by the Vice President Internal and filled by students at large, will be replaced by the Student Activities Council.

The proposal for the SAC seems to indicate a desire to fund the Director of Student Services (Mark Chytracek) directly with student fees. Under the proposed fee schedule this would be \$30.00/student, creating a total budget of approximately \$30,000.00.

Although the proposed structure of the SAC is similar to that of the Students' Senate it is quite a departure from the current representational structure of the Students' Union. No longer would positions be held by students at large; the new proposed Council is constituted only of representatives from specific interests on campus (i.e. campus ministry, Fine Arts, etc.).

Again the proposal offers no rational and it is therefore difficult to understand why such a structure would be recommended when it reduces the number of students involved in planning activities.

One must also wonder why it is that the university seems to be creating a larger bureaucracy and budget when the Students' Union has been able to organize the same level of activities with fewer financial resources.

Notably, this proposal for a SAC would likely rule out the possibility of the Students' Union carrying out events which are not within the so-called "mission" of Augustana. It would likely mean that events such as cabarets and off campus gatherings would be less the preference-- if even allowed.

Importantly, the proposal takes away the decision-making from a wide group of elected and volunteer positions to concentrate authority in a 10 person board. Such a model is most often seen in the United States and is referred to as a "Student Services" model.

Council Contravenes Constitution

Mark Evans

THE DAGLIGTALE

In the Students' Union's attempt to always be representing the students, they have abrogated our constitution a total of four times.

At the February 2, Students' Union meeting the date of the General Meeting was discussed. The Students' Union was already in breach of the constitution, Article IV, which states that notice must be given of the General Meeting at least seven days before the General Meeting, which was supposed to be held February 8. The discussion centred around how the Students' Council could get around working with our constitution. Comments

included, "lets call the meeting and not tell anyone," as well as, we are the "ultimate rulers of ourselves," as well as "nobody will know we have abrogated the constitution." They eventually came to the conclusion to break our constitution and hold the General Meeting on March 2.

In the memo, Students' Union President Michael Bratvold sent on February 4 it stated, "All Students will receive copies of the new Constitution approximately one week prior to the general meeting." However the new constitution was presented to council on February 27 three days before the General Meeting even though the constitution states in Article XIII "The amendments

shall be presented to the Council at least ten (10) days before it is brought to a vote." In fact, this Council meeting was also in conflict with the constitution, since it was called on February 25. Article VII, A, 4 states, "Notice of meetings shall be given at least twenty four hours in advance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays."

Finally, one last violation by the Augustana Students' Union. President Michael Bratvold whose constitutional duties state that he is to Article VI, A, 1, d "uphold and enforce this constitution." The above listed violation illustrate President Bratvold's failure to uphold the constitution of the Students' Union.



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Opinions

Oh Lordy, Regrets

Mark Evans

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It seems odd that only four months ago the *Dagligtale* was endorsing Michael Bratvold's run for the Presidency. It is with great disappointment on behalf of the Editors that we have come to regret this decision.

We must apologize to our faithful readers for making such a poor choice. Had we known what our action might have resulted in, you can be assured we would not have made such an imprudent decision. Had we known that he would show a flagrant disregard for the Constitution he was charged to uphold, we could not have in good conscience have endorsed Michael Bratvold. Had we known that he

would have presided over such a blatant sell-out of the ideals the Students' Union has represented in the past, we would have made a different decision.

Putting aside the political ramifications of the actions of certain Executive members (and by extension, certain members of Council) and looking solely at the process that was followed it is

illustrated how reprehensible these actions are. The meeting that passed the Students' Council's proposed amendments was called unconstitutionally. Members of the Council were not given notice, some members were only attending their first or second meeting (having just filled positions left vacant in January) and they were presented with these documents and expected to pass them at the same meeting.

Now that they have succeeded in forcing these amendments through Council, they now go to the General Meeting (yes, the one being held unconstitutionally.) Now the only recourse available to the students' who do not want a high school dance committee for a Students' Union is to attend the General Meeting and vote against these repugnant, unrepresentative and irresponsible amendments.

Paper Tigers, Smoke And Mirrors

Greg Gentile

THE DAGLIGTALE

Well the count is in:

Oktoberfest: 350 Students in attendance.
Trip Dance: 250+ Students
Sue Johanson Talk: 300+ Students
Christmas Party: 100 Students
Coffee House Dance: 60+ Students
Simon B. Cotter: 100 Students
Monday/Sunday: 200 Students

That's right, 1360 students in 6 months have taken the opportunity to attend the myriad of Students' Union Activities hosted by the VP Internal. Hey, did you know the activities budget is about \$5000? So why are we rehashing this issue? Because of a wonderful, new, omnipotent and infallible Student Activities Council proposed by the Students' Union President Michael

Bratvold (yes, the same genius that was censured by council only two meetings ago!) and the VP External Stacy Denham (the same person who has been basically invisible in External Activities since the Federal Election!!) Well, welcome once again to the controversy that is Augustana politics. So, what is the deal with this one? Well, in a nutshell the powers that be have decided to follow in the wondrous footsteps of the Great Ralph Klein and once again stick it to students. But hey, what else is new? I'm actually starting to enjoy giving money away and not having a choice as to where it goes, as long as they use vaseline first!! Oh, by the way this one is going to cost you a paltry \$30,000 and they did not even have to pass go to do it, but thanks for playing.

We also cannot forget the opportunity to note that these proposals (which by the way evolved in the second semester of the autonomy meetings, yes a whole two months of hard work!!) bare an inescapable resemblance to the

aspirations and dreams of the VP of Student Services. It seems that the notion of student representation or rather the goal of students being accountable to students has been completely lost. I begin to wonder what the next goal of Mr. Bratvold may be. Perhaps we can annex Camrose Bible College and launch a secret attack on the University of Alberta, after all, we just want free space don't we. Just to bring you up to speed as to what exactly he will be trying to give away, envision this:

You get to elect a Student Council that is representative in all senses of the word, but all the decisions of that council can be overruled, not by students, but by a newly created body, which by the way is made up of people who get appointed by the President. All Students' Union functions (Cabaret's, and dances with or without alcohol) and activities are

no longer done by the representative students.

Sounds like a pretty lucrative deal doesn't it? Kind of like selling your soul to the devil for a donut. No longer do those elected seem to have the best interests of the Union in mind. What can you do to stop this? Who knows, maybe there is still a council member who believes in trust, has the faith to continue and maybe there is still one out there who has hope, perhaps you can look to them. In November of last semester our current president ran for election, we looked to him for guidance and hope, all we received was an illusion of paper tigers, smoke and mirrors and disappearing coin tricks. What happened to your promises, your accountability and our future? Have they disappeared Mr. Bratvold or are they just irrelevant?

At any rate, the new Council will

Charlottetown ?

Major Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

- The Constitution and By-Laws of the Students' Union have been restructured so that most Constitutional Articles are now included as By-Laws and many By-Laws have been restructured as Standing Resolutions.
- A Student in Good Standing (as defined by the Registrar) is expanded to read: "[A Student who]... maintains satisfactory personal demeanor within the greater university community."
- Amendments to Constitutional articles and By-Laws will require a 2/3 majority vote at General Meetings of the Students' Union. Standing Resolutions will require a 2/3 vote of Council.
- The Students' Activity committee and the responsibilities of the VP Internal to this portfolio have been deleted entirely from the By-Laws and Standing Resolutions of the Union.
- A new position for an appointed and independent Chair of Council is created. The new position will require individuals to be familiar with parliamentary procedure, Roberts Rules, and the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Resolutions, and Policies of the Students' Council. This position will not have a vote.
- Council is restructured in the following way:
 - 3 Representatives from First Year Complex (elected in September)
 - 3 Representatives from Ravine (elected in the Fall)
 - 4 Off Campus Representatives (elected in the Fall)
- A new impeachment mechanism is created which allows Council to determine if a referendum shall be held to test the confidence of a Councillor's constituents.
- Media Policy Review Board is restructured to create and Administrative/Faculty position which is ex officio (as are the Dagligtale Editors and the CLCR Manager).
- By-Law is added to provide for instances when the Union may be dissolved.
- Prohibition on Soliciting Funds by Clubs and Societies is deleted in its entirety.

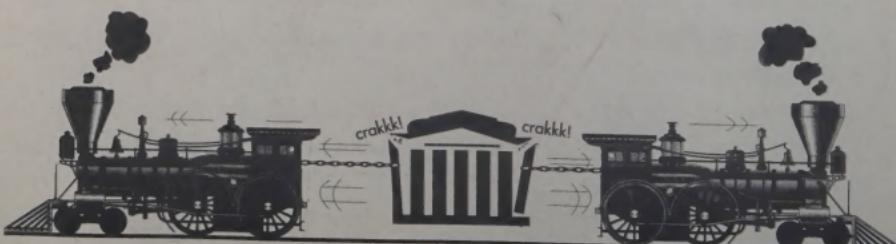
There are some significant departures from the current Constitution and By-Laws in this document-- so of which are long overdue.

Most important is the general restructuring to allow for the Constitution to be more accessible to students in general while providing the means for Council to establish on-going principles of operation and policy. This has been significantly lacking in the current structure.

That being said, there are some serious areas of concern (outside of the process being used to bring this package to a vote) in the proposed amendments. Students should pay particular attention to the change in definition of a student in good standing. The proposed amendment provides no definition and allows for any member to be denied membership on the basis of any subjective criteria. Also, the deletion of the Student Activities committee (even in light of the SAC proposal) has the effect of removing Council's responsibility of remaining attentive and responsive to the needs/wants/desires of the student body.

The proposed restructuring of Council raises some serious questions about the formation of representation and responsibility of elected officers. The proposed amendments would see that the 4 executive officers would have carte blanche over the 4 summer months. No Council reps would be elected until September of each year. All planning and goal-setting would necessarily be done without the participation of an elected Council. Further, students such as mature (over 25 years) and International Students would no longer receive representation from a specific rep. While this does not mean that these individuals are necessarily excluded from participating in the Union, it does raise the question of general accessibility.

Also of concern are the amendments to the Student media. If adopted the new By-Laws would offer unprecedented access to control of content by the Media Review Board, Administration, and Students' Council. Students should consider the importance of maintaining a news sources/entertainment source which is outside of the immediate purview of Council and the Administration.





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Top 10 Benefits of the Proposed Students Activities Council

10. The \$30 you were going to spend on food or rent can now go to activities you will never attend.
9. You now won't have to worry about how your Students' Council represents YOU.
8. The Students' Union Constitution can now be used for something useful, like starting a fire.
7. BYOB can now stand for 'Bring Your Own Bratwurst'
6. I can't get enough dances in the gym.
5. Mark Chytracek needed a new job.
4. You can now bring your mother as your date without fear of looking stupid.
3. Who needs fun anyways?
2. We needed a new group of appointed people to limit our access to knowledge.
1. Now Michael Bratvold and Tyler Uzelman will have good reason to ship out and go to the bar.

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